GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:919
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THREAT TO CENTRAL JAIL
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Jail in Delhi is under the threat of a Fidayeen attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure that the Central Jail in Delhi is protected from such Fidayeen attacks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An intelligence input regarding plans of Jehadi terrorist attack on Tihar Jail was received during the month of September, 2007.

(c) & (d): The preventive and precautionary measures taken to protect Delhi Jails from Fidayeen attack include positioning of three mobile Quick Reaction Teams at sensitive locations, providing advanced weapons to all security personnel, carrying out surprise checks of security arrangements, regular Alarm Parades to check the alertness and response of the security personnel, alerting all concerned to exercise due vigil, deployment of PCR vans of Delhi Police near the main entrance of the Jail, regular foot/motorcycle patrolling by Delhi Police around the Central Jail, starting of a Delhi Police picket at Gate No. 3 of the Jail, installation of closed circuit TV cameras to keep effective surveillance on the activities of prisoners and prison staff, installation of mobile barricades, etc.